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SUBJ: LIBERATION RADIO BROADCAST: PHUOC LONG PEOPLE ELECT
REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE'S REPRESENTATIVES

1. CONGEN HAS INTERVIEWED 15 INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF ELECTIONS IN PHUOC LONG AND THE "COMBING OUT" OF GVN OFFICIALS THERE. THOSE INTERVIEWED INCLUDED TEN REFUGEES AT PHU VAN CAMP, TWO OFFICIALS AT THE CAMP, COL LUU YEM, FORMER PHUOC LONG PROVINCE CHIEF, AND THE TWO RECENTLY RELEASED NEW ZEALAND NUNS. OUR ADS FROM PHUOC LONG HAS ASSURED US THAT HE HAS CONTACTED ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES AND THAT THE INFORMATION BELOW REPRESENTS THE MOST ACCURATE DATA THAT WE CAN OBTAIN AT THIS TIME.

2. NONE OF THOSE INTERVIEWED KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT ELECTIONS IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE.

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3. REGARDING "COMBING OUT", TWO REFUGEES STATED THAT GVN OFFICIALS WHO SURRENDERED WERE ALLOWED TO MINGLE FREELY WITH THE PEOPLE. THOSE GVN OFFICIALS WHO DID NOT SURRENDER AND WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED WERE IMPRISONED. ONE REFUGEE STATED THAT WHEN SUNG NGON HAMLET WAS OCCUPIED BY NVA/VC FORCES, THE HAMLET AND DEPUTY HAMLET CHIEFS WERE FORCIBLY LED AWAY BY THE VC.

4. THE TWO NEW ZEALAND SISTERS JUST RELEASED BY THE NVA WERE HELD IN LOC NINH AND HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION IN PHUO CONG AFTER THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER.
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